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House Bill _____
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Senate No. SJR0253
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A RESOLUTION to designate a certain segment of State Route
76 in Haywood County as the "Joseph G. Taylor
Highway".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to
name certain public highways to honor those exemplary citizens who have contributed
significantly to improving the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Taylor, the former Mayor of Brownsville, is most assuredly one
such citizen, a voice of integrity in local government and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor served with acumen and alacrity as the Mayor of Brownsville
from 1972-1990, and his 18-year administration remains unparalleled for prudent fiscal
management and extensive economic growth in that fair city's 164-year history; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Taylor's sagacious administration, unemployment was
reduced to half its level of 1972, taxes were raised only twice during 18 years and over 9 million
dollars in grants to local industry were obtained, providing over 1000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Brownsville was the first city in the nation to receive the Urban
Development Action Grant, and Mayor Taylor played an important part in establishing the
guidelines for such grant; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the City of Brownsville constructed a 5 million dollar industrial park; five industries immediately located in the park and have completed major expansions in the last few years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his indelible legacy of effective government by and for the people and his proficient management of the municipal affairs of the City of Brownsville, Joseph Taylor was selected Mayor of the Year in Tennessee in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Taylor's twenty outstanding years of experience in public planning and community service also includes meritorious service as Principal of the Haywood County Vocational School and Douglas Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, he also served with distinction as the Director of Student Auxiliary Services for Memphis State University, of which he is a graduate; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Taylor also has some 21 years of experience in full-time sales and marketing management in market design and sales, serving with dedication and expertise as a sales manager and representative for Wesson Oil, Snowdrift, J.W. Allen and Co. and Bessire and Co.; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Mr. Taylor proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army, courageously serving for 26 months in the European Theatre and participating in three major battles - Bulge, Rhineland and Ardennes; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1947-1951, he again saw active duty during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, now semi-retired, Mr. Taylor is a partner and oversees the day-to-day management of Custom Pallet Manufacturing Company; and

WHEREAS, he also serves his fellow citizens through active membership and participation in civic and charitable organizations too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Taylor has served the good people of Brownsville with the utmost in integrity, efficiency and devotion, and it is only appropriate that his sterling career as a

public servant should be commemorated by naming a segment of State Route 76 that passes through Brownsville in his honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That State Route 76 from the City of Brownsville to its intersection with Interstate 40 is hereby designated as the "Joseph G. Taylor Highway" in honor of this exceptional man's legacy of superlative public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Route 76 as the "Joseph G. Taylor Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an additional copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Taylor, with the final three resolving clauses omitted from such copy.

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